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This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to filing of this statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the examiner and be formally made of record in the application.

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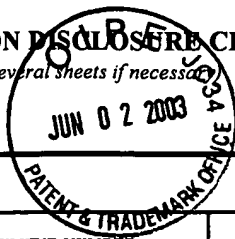


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							YES	NO
	1	JP9-327002	12-16-97	Japan				✓
	2	JP-10-304271	11-13-98	Japan				✓
	3	WO99/49661	9-30-99	PCT				✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	Japanese Office Action dated 3-4-03 with English translation of pertinent portions

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